

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>Monday 12/24 Late Advent Weekday</p> <p>7:00 am NO Adoration</p> <p>9:15 am NO Soulcore</p> <p>5:00 pm Altar Server Practice</p> <p>5:30 pm Mass Int: † Alice Mertens <i>EMHC: Don Klausmeyer, Lisa Berntsen, Daniel Oberley</i></p> <p><i>Lector: Grayce Berntsen, Lynn Robertson</i></p> <p><i>Servers: Christian Hastings, Wyatt Bernsten, Brody Berntsen, Caleb Papsdorf, James Gorges, Samuel Gorges</i></p> <p><i>Ushers: Steven Ochsner, Bruce Berntsen, Lyle Berntsen, Ella Berntsen, Vickie Berntsen, Edward Lange</i></p> <p><i>Gift Bearers: Lyle Berntsen Family</i></p> <p>Tuesday 12/25 The Nativity of the Lord</p> <p>11:30 pm Altar Server Practice</p> <p>12:00 am Mass Int: People of the Parish <i>EMHC: Krista Allmond, Matt Allmond, Odilio Alvarez</i></p> <p><i>Lector: Abram Alvarez, Juliana Handy</i></p> <p><i>Servers: Julian Alvarez, Vincent Alvarez, Samuel Alvarez, Robbie Schroeder</i></p> <p><i>Ushers: Tommy Norman, Justin Pelz</i></p> <p><i>Gift Bearers: Jean Richardson</i></p> <p>12:00 am NO Adoration</p> <p>8:30 am Parish Office Closed—Holiday</p> <p>10:00 am Altar Server Practice</p> <p>10:30 am Mass Int: † Bryan Davis <i>EMHC: Steve Youngers, Wayne Youngers, Michelle Gorges</i></p> <p><i>Lector: Norma Jean Vap, Dan Thimesch</i></p> <p><i>Servers: Parker Vap, SERVERS NEEDED</i></p> <p><i>Ushers: USHERS NEEDED</i></p> <p><i>Gift Bearers: Alvaro Montanez Family</i></p> <p>Wednesday 12/26 Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</p> <p>8:00 am Mass Int: † MaryAnn Schmidt</p> <p>8:30 am Parish Office Closed—Holiday</p> <p>9:15 am NO Soulcore</p> <p>6:00 pm NO WWP / NO 6th-12th grade R.E.</p>	<p>Thursday 12/27 Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist</p> <p>8:30 am Parish Office Closed—Holiday</p> <p>3:00 pm NO Mission Society</p> <p>5:30 pm Mass Int: Ruth Thimesch</p> <p>6:30 pm Parish Dinner</p> <p>Friday 12/28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</p> <p>8:00 am Mass Int: † Joe Armour</p> <p>8:30 am Parish Office Closed—Holiday</p> <p>9:15 am NO Soulcore</p> <p>Saturday 12/29 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</p> <p>4:30 pm Confessions</p> <p>5:30 pm Mass Int: † Bill Mertens <i>EMHC: Bruce Berntsen, Lisa Berntsen, Albert Hubl</i></p> <p><i>Lector: Norma Jean Vap, Grayce Berntsen</i></p> <p><i>Rosary: Clarence Buhman</i></p> <p><i>Servers: Parker Vap, Elias Lange, Isaac Lange</i></p> <p><i>Ushers: Wyatt Bernsten, Jason Martin, Tommy Norman, Lynn Robertson</i></p> <p><i>Gift Bearers: Albert Hubl Family</i></p> <p>Sunday 12/30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</p> <p>8:00 am Mass Int: Philomena Belton <i>EMHC: Odilio Alvarez, Daniel Oberley, Jacob Belton</i></p> <p><i>Lector: Cris Schroeder, Abram Alvarez</i></p> <p><i>Rosary: Paula Komp</i></p> <p><i>Servers: Robbie Schroeder, John Isaac Brunke, Josh Youngers</i></p> <p><i>Ushers: Ron Komp, Jerry Beyrle, Brian Pauly, Edward Lange</i></p> <p><i>Gift Bearers: Edward Lange Family</i></p> <p>9:15 am NO K-5th Grade RE / RCIA / Adult ED</p> <p>10:30 am Mass Int: People of the Parish <i>EMHC: Rennae Schroeder, Elizabeth Riddel-Kindle, Emily Thome</i></p> <p><i>Lector: Matt Allmond, Hannah Allmond</i></p> <p><i>Rosary: Dan Thimesch</i></p> <p><i>Servers: Austin Hastings, Trenton Hastings, Christian Hastings</i></p> <p><i>Ushers: Tim Hastings, Dakota Cowherd, Rick Kindle, Donald Love</i></p> <p><i>Gift Bearers: Matt Allmond Family</i></p> <p>6:00 pm CYM Eve of the Eve Dance (Derby)</p>
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COMING UP NEXT WEEK

12/31	5:30 pm	Holy Day Vigil Mass	1/1	10:30 am	Holy Day Mass
1/1	8:00 am	Holy Day Mass	1/5	10:00 am	Nursing Home Visits
1/1	8:30 am	Parish office closed - Holy Day			



DECEMBER 23: SAINT JOHN OF KANTY

John was born in Poland to farmers who taught their son about Jesus. John was smart and his parents sent him to Krakow for University. He studied to be a priest and a teacher. He then worked at the university but was fired after some lies were spread about him. He was sent from there to a small town to be their parish priest. At first, the people did not like him because he was from the big city. John decided to just be himself and he showed kindness and love to the people of his parish. He soon won their hearts. After seven years as their parish priest, he was asked to return back to Krakow. The people of his parish were so sad to see him go that they journeyed half way back to the city with him. Back in Krakow, John became well-known for his preaching and always helping the poor.



December 23, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December is dedicated to the Nativity.

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND • Saturday 5:30 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am

WEEKDAYS • Monday-Tuesday 8:00 am
 Wednesday 8:30 pm
 Thursday-Friday 8:00 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS • 20 minutes before Mass
WEEKEND • Saturday 4:30 pm
 1st Sunday of the month before/after Mass

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PARISH PENANCE SERVICES IN THE AREA

December 23rd at 7:00pm at Holy Spirit in Goddard

ADORATION SCHEDULE CHANGE

There will be no adoration on Monday December 24, Tuesday December 25, Monday December 31 and Tuesday January 1 due to the holidays.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed the week of Christmas, December 24 through December 28, and for New Years, January 1. Normal office hours will resume on Wednesday, January 2.

HOLY FATHER’S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith - That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

TODAY WE GET TO SEE THE STEWARDSHIP...

... of our Blessed Mother, and we should pause to notice two things. The first is the hospitality of Mary and of her cousin, Elizabeth. We often think hospitality must include food and beverage, but from these women we see that hospitality is greeting each other with genuine love and joy. They are sincerely happy to be in one another's company. As stewards, we should practice that kind of hospitality everywhere we go -- not just when we host people in our own homes. Secondly, we should note Mary's role as the "bearer of God." Throughout her pregnancy, Mary has a very unique role of carrying God with her at all times and in all places. Before Jesus was born, she alone was responsible for sharing Him with all she encountered. She was the first missionary disciple. We must remember that God dwells within us as well, and that we, like Mary, have the responsibility of sharing Him with all those we encounter. As we prepare for Christmas Day, let us strive to imitate the stewardship Holy Mary.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR STEWARDSHIP FORMS

It's not too late to turn your Stewardship Forms in! We'd love to keep collecting them over the next couple of weeks to have them before Christmas. You can hand it in during the offertory collection at Sunday Mass, turn them in to the office, drop it in our mail box, or mail them in! There will be blank stewardship forms in the back of church for those who have misplaced theirs.

PARISH "FIELDTRIP" TO ST. GEORGE'S ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

There will be a parish "fieldtrip" to St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral on December 30th for an overview in the chapel, attendance at the divine liturgy followed by a tour and talk led by Fr. Ignatius. Anyone interested in attending can meet at the cathedral at 9:45am or meet at St. John's at 9:05am to carpool.

EVE OF THE EVE HOLIDAY HOEDOWN

Kick off your boots and join us for the Annual Region 5 CYM Eve of the Eve Dance! Sunday, December 30th, 7:00-11:00pm at St. Mary's in Derby. Cost is \$5, dress is semi-formal with a country spin. Open to all high school students in the Wichita Diocese and their friends. Students/ parents will be responsible for transportation to and from the dance.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE (TITHE)

Dec 16, 2018\$6,747.60

Year to Date (July 1 - Dec 16)

YTD Actuals \$217,881.91

Thank you for your gift to St. John's Parish!

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

12/29	Jean Horsch	620-545-7292
	Deb Pelz	620-584-2243
1/5	Catie Neises	620-584-6066
	Krista Allmond	210-771-2039

WEDNESDAY MEAL SCHEDULE

Jan 2nd	Beatty/Streit Families
Jan 9th	Need Volunteer

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for all those listed below:

Colton Smith, Shane Armour, Anna Mueller, Gary Klausmeyer, Ross Klausmeyer, Colton Horsch, Frances Johnson, Josh Buller, Marilyn Lies, Al Montanez, Joanne Flippin, David Oberley, Stephanie Faber, Donald Love, Jolene Schauf, Doris Albaugh, Barbara Flax

Pray for those in the military:

John Ihrig, Matthew Youngers, Austin Peak, Travis Wunningham, Brian A Thimesch, Megan Darke, Brandon Darke, Wyatt Curry, Grant Martin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec 24th	David Buck, Anne Cordell, Ashton Schneider, John Vap
Dec 25th	Ruth Castle, Sidney Mohr
Dec 26th	Philomena & Athanasius Belton
Dec 27th	Ruth Thimesch
Dec 28th	Morgan Thomas, Sarah York

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dec 27th	Odilio & Stacie Alvarez
Dec 29th	James & Connie Armour
Dec 23rd	Donald & Mary Ellen Berntsen

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

We are in need of a steward to prepare the meal for the Wednesday 6th-12th Religious Ed classes on January 9th for about 90 people. The parish reimburses up to \$150 of the costs. If interested contact Cassi: 620-545-7171.

WELCOMING CHRISTMAS VISITORS

Growing up, we had a lot of Christmas traditions: making Christmas cookies my brother always turned a reindeer into a 30 point buck, soup for Christmas Eve at my Aunt Coleen's, turning off the radio and singing Christmas carols. Perhaps a tradition I remember most wasn't actually a tradition at all. On Christmas Eve my family would go to my Grandma's house to celebrate with our extended family. My mom kept the whole group on a very set itinerary for when we would eat, when we would open presents, and what time our family needed to be leaving my grandma's house in order to still get good seats at Mass. We'd get there way too early and post up in "our" pew to safeguard our spot. Does this sound familiar to anyone?

Christmas Masses are always packed with relatives just along for the ride and teenagers forced to go by their grandparents. There are families there who have never brought their kids to Mass before that drag along their littles with toys and snacks. These visitors will likely take "your pew." They might even be talking to their neighbors, playing on their phone, or smacking their gum as they wait. So. Annoying. Right? **Wrong.**

It's easy to let our pride get the best of us and be irritated by visitors. But really, if we're too busy judging those in the pews around us we're missing the miracle that is happening right in front of us! The Eucharist is the miracle that happens at every Mass. But on Christmas, right underneath the greatest miracle of all, is the miracle that baby Jesus brings in those that have been away. Regardless of the reason why they've shown up to Mass and Baby Jesus in His sweetness, calls them to Him.

Now the challenge to us who do have a "favorite pew" is to do our best to make sure all who are in our church for the first time in a long time find a favorite pew too. Ask your friends and family who may have fallen away from the Church to come to Christmas Mass with you and your family! A lot of times, people are just looking for an invitation to return home.

All of us can be a welcoming face to others when they first step into our church. When you see another family struggling to keep littles quiet and engaged, smile at them! Give them a look that says "Hey, you're doing a good job and I totally get it." Then after Mass, make sure you say that to them before they leave! Just let them know you see them & you're happy they're there!

Now I'm not saying that getting to Mass early so you can have "good seats" is bad. But this year, just be at peace wherever it is that you end up in church. Be welcoming to all those around you. Offer a smile or a kind word to those who look like they'd rather be anywhere else.

The heavenly glow of the manger brings all people together. Sometimes we just need to take a small step back and let someone behind us get a little bit closer.

END OF YEAR GIFTS AND FINANCE

If you plan on giving an end of year financial gift to the parish, in order for any financial contributions to count on the 2018 taxes, they must be dated and turned into the office no later than December 31st.

CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING

"The priesthood is the love and the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." Please consider a gift this year to Christmas Call to Sharing for the benefit of the education of seminarians and our retired priests.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAJOR DEGREE

1st degree is at 11am in Dominic Hall at St. Peter's in Schulte on January 6th. 2nd and 3rd degrees are at 1pm in the school. If you are a Knight and don't have your 2nd and 3rd degree please come.

JOB OPENING - OFFICE MANAGER ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, CLONMEL

St. John the Evangelist Parish seeks an exceptional individual to serve as PT/FT Office Manager, Tuesday-Friday. As the front desk manager this individual works in a pastoral capacity with parishioners in the office and provides administrative support to the pastor, faith formation coordinator and parish organizations. Responsibilities include: parish and cemetery operations; parishioner database; facility scheduling; purchasing; maintaining sacramental records; benefits coordinator.

Position Requirements:

- Multi-tasker and self-starter
- Strong verbal, written and organizational skills
- Practicing Catholic and active steward in one's home parish
- Proficient in Microsoft Office, especially Word and Excel
- Ability to maintain a strong sense of confidentiality

Interested Individuals may submit resumes, references and salary requirements to Rev. Joseph Tatro at St. John the Evangelist Parish, 18630 West 71st Street South; Viola, Kansas 67149. Deadline for accepting resumes is noon on January 28, 2019.

THIS WEEK'S MASS READINGS
Monday - 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16 / Luke 1:67-79
Tuesday - Isaiah 52:7-10 / Hebrew 1:1-6 / John 1:1-18
Wednesday - Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Matthew 10:17-22
Thursday - 1 John 1:1-4 / John 20:1A, 2-8
Friday - 1 John 1:5—2:2 / Matthew 2:13-18
Saturday - 1 John 2:3-11 / Luke 2:22-35
Sunday - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 / Colossians 3:12-21 / Luke 2:41-52